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## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague situation at Kobé, Osaka, and Shimonoseki improved.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 27, as follows:

During the week ended January 20, 1906, bills of health were issued, after inspection, to 5 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 419 crew and 507 passengers; 386 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected; 941 aliens, would-be steerage passengers to the United States and its possessions, were examined with special reference to their freedom from any loathsome or dangerous contagious disease contemplated by the United States immigration laws.

*Plague.*—Occasional cases of this disease are reported from Kobé, Osaka, and Shimonoseki, but the general situation seems distinctly improved as compared with the preceding month. Certain authorities are of the opinion that the lessened human morbidity is due to the influence of the cold weather, which tends to keep the rats under ground.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Minnesota* recommended, January 2, 1906, for rejection: For Seattle, 74.

Per steamship *Mongolia*, January 10, 1906: For Honolulu, 76; for San Francisco, 16.

Per steamship *China*, January 16, 1906: For Honolulu, 23; for San Francisco, 3.

Per steamship *Nippon Maru*, January 23, 1906: For Honolulu; 46; for San Francisco, 2.

Per steamship *Shimano Maru*, January 23, 1906: For Seattle, 54.

*Report from Kobé—Recurrence of plague.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, January 18, as follows:

After a cessation of plague in Kobé for thirteen days, viz, from January 1 to January 15, 1906, a case occurred on January 15. A man was found dead in Hiogo, and on an autopsy being made the cause of death was declared to be plague.

## MEXICO.

*Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, February 12, as follows:

Week ended February 10, 1906.

February 4, 1906. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Norheim*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, with 19 in the crew and 3 first-class passengers; vessel sails in ballast. The Norwegian steamship *City of Tampico*, bound for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, with 23 first-class and 3 third-class passengers and 22 in the crew; vessel sails in a general American cargo, part of which was a reshipment from the *Norheim* arriving from Port Arthur and Galveston.